

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Psychologists
Managed Care Plans
CSO Administrators
Regional Administrators

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Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)

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Subject: Update to the RBRVS* and Vendor Rate Increase for Psychologists

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2002, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2002 relative value units (RVUs);
- Technical Changes; and
- A legislatively appropriated one and one-half (1.5) percent vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

In updating the fee schedule with Year 2002 RVUs, MAA maintained overall budget neutrality. The 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this one and one-half (1.5) percent vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect the changes listed above.

Technical Changes

MAA reimburses for neuropsychological testing (CPT codes 96100, 96110, 96111, 96115, and 96117) when:

- ✓ The provider has been approved by MAA to provide these services; **and**
- ✓ Written/fax prior authorization is obtained.

Attached are updated replacement pages 9-10 for MAA's Psychologist Billing Instructions, dated September 1998. To obtain this fee schedule electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).

Bill MAA your usual and customary charge.

*RBRVS stands for Resource Based Relative Value Scale.

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A psychologist not employed by a mental health center who has signed a provider agreement with MAA is also qualified to be a team member.

If a local physician is not able to serve on a team, an MAA medical consultant may be used. To request an MAA consultant's participation on a team, call (360) 664-0134.

Any team member may take the lead in assembling and analyzing the necessary case information.

What is not covered?

MAA will *not* reimburse for:

- Psychotherapy provided by a psychologist or an ARNP; or
- Continuing care provided by psychologist or by staff employed by the psychologist.

Fee Schedule

Due to its licensing agreement with the American Medical Association, MAA publishes only the official, brief CPT procedure code descriptions. To view the entire descriptions, please refer to your current CPT book.

Procedure Code	Brief Description	July 1, 2002 Maximum Allowable Fee	
		Non-Facility Setting	Facility Setting
0070M*	Psychological Evaluation (testing included)	\$67.80	\$67.80
9089M*	Certification activities related to elective inpatient psychiatric admission for clients under 21 years of age to an inpatient psychiatric facility. A psychologist may be reimbursed for these services as a member of the Certification Team.	66.71	66.71
96100	Psychological testing	41.18	41.18
96105	Assessment of aphasia	Not covered	Not covered
96110	Developmental test, lim	41.18	41.18
96111	Developmental test, extend	41.18	41.18
96115	Neurobehavior status exam	41.18	41.18
96117	Neuropsych test battery	41.18	41.18

*State-unique procedure code



Note: MAA reimburses for neuropsychological testing (CPT codes 96100, 96110, 96111, 96115, and 96117) only when:

- ✓ The provider has an been approved by MAA to provide these services; **and**
- ✓ Written/fax prior authorization is obtained.

Send or fax your request for prior authorization to:

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 Attn: Medical Request Coordinator
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 Olympia, WA 98504-5506
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